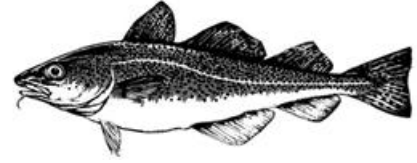


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**2012 KODIAK AREA STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD
JIG GEAR SEASON OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT
EMERGENCY ORDER 4-GF-05-12**

National Marine Fisheries Service has announced closure of the Central Gulf of Alaska A-season jig gear sector effective at NOON on March 6, 2012. Therefore, the Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod jig gear season will open at NOON on March 8, 2012. The 2012 state-waters jig gear allocation is 7.845 million pounds.

Vessel operators are required to obtain an interim-use permit card for miscellaneous finfish from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC). Vessel operators also need an exclusive state-waters vessel registration from ADF&G before participating.

For vessels participating in the Central Gulf of Alaska parallel Pacific cod jig fishery, all Pacific cod must be delivered prior to participating in the state-waters season. For more information, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.